

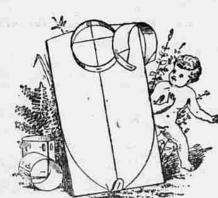
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Perquisites of Senators.

In 1878 a senator of the United States provided himself out of the public treasury, in addition to his salary, with his mileage, his \$125 for stationery, and one clerk, if he happened to be the chairman of a committee. That was practically all. Now a United States senator would sniff at one clerk, and declare it impossible to attend to his work without two or three. Such a thing as paying for a clerk out of his pocket, as his prede-cessors, up to a comparatively few years, were accustomed to do, would be regarded by the senator of today as a crime. Under the old rule each important commit- fellow-feeling that comes of comtee had a clerk, and perhaps an assistant and a messenger to wait spon the committee when in ses sion and attend a senate door after the meeting hour at 12 o'clock. The senators who were chairmen of committees used the committee rooms as their privates offices, and the senators, who were too young in service to be chairmen had neither room, clerk nor messenger paid for by Uncle Sam.

Every senator today, big and little, without regard to politics or length of service, has at least ture. With that devilish craft we one clerk who draws his salary from the government; each senator of the majority side, and almost every one of the Democrats, has a private room in the capitol or in the Malthy annex across the way—a building purchased to-permit the senators to spread themselves—and each important committee chairman has one or two or three assistant clerks. The chairmen of the smaller committees, many of which never meet, manage to get two clerks by seeing to it that the "messenger" selected is a stenographer and typewriter. This is a good plan for the mesenger as well as the chairman, for otherwise the former would have nothing to do. Formerly the clerks of the small and useless committees were paid when the senate was in session. Now they draw annual salaries, and cases exist of clerks who never come to Washington at all.

Forest Cover Germany.

Nearly one-fourth of the surface of the entire German empire is covered with forests (about 48,-000 square miles), more than onesixth (38,000 square miles) being occupied by what the Germans call "hochwald," that is, forests of fullgrown trees. The area occupied by trees of the pine family is more than three times as great as that occupied by all the varieties of deciduous trees combined. Of the 5,658,000 acres of deciduous trees, 1,172,000 acres are oak, 467,000 acres are birch, alder and aspen, and 4,019,000 acres are them. But the time has come beech, etc. Of the 18,495,000 when most of us cannot help feelthe crown, nearly 40 per cent by the state, 15 per cent by municipal governments and about 40 per cent by private persons. The entire area devoted to forests is today nearly 200,000 acres greater than it was twenty years ago. Between 1883 and 1900 the decrease in the area of forests of deciduous trees amounted to 567,000 larches and firs was 760,000

Stoessel's Ancestry.

Various stories as to the nationality of General Stoessel have made him out a German, a Jew, a Swede. But it appears that in a way Russia is indebted to her ancient enemy, Sweden, for the defender of Port Arthur, for General Stoessel's grandfather was a Swedish army officer. His father, however, served in the Russian army and was a member of the orthodox church. General Stoessel, who is now 56 years old, studied at the Pavloff Military academy in the same class as Kuropatkin and served through the war in Turkey. Then, as a commander in Siberia, he won high distinction for administrative

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Germans in South Africa.

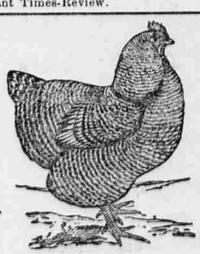
Bad news from Southwest Africa continues to keep German opinion in a state of irritation with the colonial office; judging by the past the reinforcements which have arrived on the coast, finding it very difficult to land, will soon discover that it is almost impossible to operate effectively when at last ashore. Settlers are being slaughtered in various parts of the Hinterland, and those who can do so are fleeing toward British territory. We have our own troubles colo-

nial, and can afford to be sympa-thetic with Germany with the munity in folly and international crime. But the interesting point is a discovery made by the eagle-eyed press of Germany. Aethiopianismus is not indigenous, but an American product. The wick-ed longing to own their own land has been suggested to them by American "niggers" who are sup-plied with funds from the United States and move about from tribe to tribe imposing on the good, credulous natives through their superficial varnish of white culhear so much of just before an election these American "niggers" mix religion with politics -unheard-of combination among the whites !- and use the revivalist meetings they have learned from Methodists and Baptists in the United States to infect the whole of Southern Africa with Ethiopianism. It would be hard to imagine an accumulation of iniquities more calculated to shake with colossal indignation a virtuous Teutonic press; "nig-ger," Methodism, freedom, scorn of German civilization-these are bad enough; but America the fomenter of it all, America the source of funds and preachersthat is too much. The German indignation needs only to be better founded to become respect-

Financial Crises in Colleges.

The deficit in the finances of Yale university for year ended August 1 is reported by Treasurer Tyler to have been about \$42,000. In other words, Yale would need additional endowment of nearly \$1,500,000 to yield, at 3 per cent, an annual income equal to last year's deficit. There was a deficit in the finances of Harvard university also last year, the amount being not far from that of Yale. Yet each institution increased its total funds during the same year. Meanwhile the general public is not worried at all. It views the colleges and universities with entire approbation; it is proud of acres of needle-leafed trees, 12,- ing that there is really no cause 327,000 acres are pine, 29,000 for alarm over their financial conacres are larch, 5,482,000 acres are dition. There is the consciousness that if the alumni white fir. About 2 1-2 per cent of this "hochwald" is owned by of the college treasurers as quickly and enthusiastically as is desired there is ever the desperate last resort of running an institution on the principle of making the ends meet.

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Revival of Roller Skating.

Forty or fifty roller skating rinks have been built and opened to the public in New England, New Jersey and other states within the year. All are well patron-ized and their promoters believe that this sport, neglected for 20 years, will again become popular. In the late '70s and early '80s roller skating almost attained the dignity of a national amusement. No person was too old or too young to use the rinks. The hockey games, endurance races and exhibitions of fancy skating arranged by rink owners attracted big audiences for four or five years before the popular appetite was satisfied.

Then, and almost in a moment, roller skating fell into disfavor. Only children clung to it, and on them it has never lost its hold. This sudden loss of popularity was due simply to the fact that the pastime was worked to death, for, although a good many harsh charges were made by solemn moralists against it, these never could have killed it. Now it is returning as a novelty, with another generation of pleasureseekers toappeal to, but it is improbable that it will ever regain the glory it once had. The out-of-doors cult has made great progress since 1885, and roller skating is an indoor game.

Roosevelt at It Again.

In a certain school a pupil mixed up physiology and history toan alarming extent by stating in an examination paper that "The Alimentary Canal was first commenced by a Frenchman in 1607. acres, while the gain in the ex-tent of the forests of pines, to the depot he met a friend to Roosevelt, and he is going to finish building it." - April Woman's Home Companion.

It is said of the lamented Reagan that when a surveyor he read law at night by the light of a brushheap fire. On one occasion while waiting for his ox team to rest bewas seen sitting on a log by the road side diligently pursuing his studies. It was this very element of determination that made him the really great man that he was. -Wills Point Chronicle.

How to Sleep.

A writer in a current medical journal asserts that persons whosleep with their mouths closed enjoy better health than others.

We Lead in Sunday School.

A report compiled by W. J. Semelroth of St. Louis, chief secretary for the Fourth Sunday-school convention, held at Jerusalem in April of this year, shows that this councontains 139,817 schools, or more than half the number existing in the entire world.